

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 26, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

☒ Shelley Brittingham
☒ Donna DiFiore
☐ Andrea Reay
☒ Robbie Howell

☐ Shelli Park
☐ Michael O'Neill
☒ Chloe Bjordahl
☐ Debbie Thoma

☒ Virginia Wright

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager

Guests:

Maureen Hoffmann, Resident

Minutes

Meeting called to order. May minutes are approved.

Discussion: Developing effective on-line communication for Arts Commission. Discussion postponed until August when full arts commission present.

Biking Burien—Maureen Hoffmann discussed a project to bring more bike racks into Burien. Funding possibilities include the Cove to Clover fund raiser and local businesses. Maureen has been cataloging all the bike racks in the city to see where the need is. Some could be basic bike racks, others could be artist designed. She is also researching bike programs at other cities. Shelley suggested that parks properties would be the perfect location for bike racks. Debbie volunteered to get Maureen an inventory of bike racks at the parks. One thought was to have Dale Copeland at Puget Sound Skills Center build a bike rack with his students for their 2012 project. Maureen asked if the arts commission could provide any support. This question can be addressed by the public art committee.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education –no report at this time.

Public Art—The Thomas Lindsey sculpture at Seahurst Park will be deaccessioned at the request of the artist and the owner, 4 Culture. The work will be taken down when the park construction begins, at a time to be determined. Gina will write press releases to let the community know about the sculpture. The Public Art Committee will also be working with 4 Culture to come up with a new sculpture for the park. The arts commission discussed having a

party for the sculpture when it is taken down with a circle theme... donut ceremony, bagels, life savers, circle dances, Shelley volunteered to chair the party

Arts and Economic Development— Since the beginning of 2011 there has been three meetings of this committee. Donna asked for help with the leadership of the committee.

Discover 153rd --Donna reported on the 153rd enhancement committee that she serves on. Discussion has been on public art, as many on the committee feel that “Public art could be what enlivens the street”. With 95 businesses on the street there has been lots of discussion about parking as well.

Arts Crush – Shelley is on the committee for Arts Crush, and is hoping to help get communities outside of Seattle to be a hub for the program. The project was started a bit too late but hopefully Burien could be a hub community for 2011 or 2012. The event is in October and helps market the arts by offering unique and free arts programs. Would the city arts groups want to create a one day city arts tour? Could art docents lead tours or people tour on their own? Is there an entity who could organize for October 2011?

City Visioning Process Update-- Virginia reported on the addition of arts and culture to the city’s final vision by the council thanks to the support of the local arts community. The Burien City Council was very supportive of the efforts of the arts community.

Arts Commission Grant timeline—The grant applications are due Friday, August 19, 2011. Gina will have the application binders available for the committee on Tuesday, August 30th. The committee is Donna, Debbie, Virginia, Andrea, and Robbie. The grant panel will meet for interviews on September 15th and will take their recommendations to the September 27th Arts Commission meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Pros Plan information-- Debbie reported on the PROS plan updating that is currently happening. This updating will help the allocation of funding for Parks, Recreation and Open Space planning. There will be a community open house in July.

Burien Culture HUB—Virginia and Gina reported on a change to the arts and culture brochure. For 2012 the hope is that the brochure will turn into a web presence with a website, facebook page, monthly e-news, twitter feeds and Flickr page. The plan is to launch in October.

The meeting was adjourned.